In Season:









Beet!

NUTRIENTS IN BEETS:

Vitamins: C and folate; potassium.

SELECTION:

Choose beets with firm, smooth skins and non-wilted leaves if still attached. Smaller ones are more tender.

STORAGE:

Remove leaves, leaving about an inch of the stems. Store roots in a plastic bag in refrigerator for up to 3 weeks. Use leaves as greens, either raw or cooked.



- Cook beets in boiling water that contains lemon juice and salt. When tender, drain water, remove skins, and slice the beet. Season and serve as a side dish.
- Add chunks of raw beets to a vegetable medley and roast in the oven until tender and browned.
- Drain canned beets, slice, and add to a green salad topped with grated cheese.

Technicolor Vegetable Sauté

Prep Time: 25 Minutes Serves: 4 Ingredients:

- 1 large red beet, peeled and diced into 1" pieces
- 1 cup baby carrots, scrubbed
- 1½ cups pattypan squash, ends removed, cut into thin wedges
- 1½ cups green beans cut in ½" pieces
- Butter-flavor cooking spray
- 2 tbsp orange juice concentrate
- ½ tsp dry thyme leaves
- ¼ tsp garlic powder
- 1 cup black olives, pitted

Cups of Fruits and Vegetables per Serving: 1 Preparation:

- 1. Steam beets for about 5 minutes, until crisp tender. Set aside.
- Steam carrots and squash for about 3-4 minutes. Add green beans and continue steaming just until crisp tender.
- **3.** Coat large nonstick skillet with cooking spray.
- Add orange juice concentrate, thyme, garlic powder, and olives and heat over MEDIUM-HIGH heat.
- **5.** Stir in carrot mixture and heat through; sprinkle with beets and serve.



Nutritional Information per Serving:

Calories:105; Total Fat:4.4g; Dietary Fiber:5g; Sodium:330mg

Recipe is courtesy of Produce for Better Health Foundation (PBH).



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